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Dear Private Music Educator:

It is hard to believe that it has been 56 years since the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Cornwall first started working together to provide an opportunity for musicians of all levels and ages to showcase their talents and learn new skills and yet this year marks the 56th anniversary of the annual Kinsmen Music Festival.

We are writing to invite you and your students to be a part of the history and heritage of Cornwall by participating in the 56th Annual Music Festival, presented and sponsored by the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Cornwall. The Kinsmen/Kinette Clubs are pleased to offer the following categories for 2010: **STRINGS, VOICE, FIDDLE, DRUMS, AND PIANO.**

New to the 2010 festival is the Heritage Fiddle Class and the Snare Drum and Drum Set Solo classes. These classes will include a workshop for participants to develop and learn new skills! Additional new classes include a Canadian Composers class for Piano students and an Original Composition class for area composers of all ages, youth through adult. Plan to join us in celebrate the heritage and talent of our community through these new classes!

The Festival Dates Will Be:

All CLASSES - April 20 – 28, 2010
Concert of the Stars - May 18, 2010

Please note that the closing date for entries is **January 31, 2010.** Mail your completed registration form(s) to the above address. The Kinsmen Club charges a **late fee of \$20.00 per teacher** to all forms postmarked after the closing date and to all registration forms which are not correctly or completely filled out (these will be returned to you for completion). If you have any questions, regarding registration, please do not hesitate to contact Alicia at the above email and phone numbers or mailing address. For any questions regarding the syllabus please contact the person(s) listed on the syllabus for strings, voice, and/or piano.

There are many benefits to be gained from participating in a music festival. Students gain a sense of accomplishment and enjoy increased self-esteem, confidence, and personal growth through achievement. The Kinsmen / Kinette Clubs are pleased to continue to be a part of celebrating the heritage of music and musicianship in Cornwall by providing area musicians young and old with the opportunity to develop and showcase their skills. We hope to see as many students as possible sharing their musical experience and efforts with the community. If you know of a teacher who would like to enter the music festival, please direct them to the website www.kinsmenmusicfestival.ca or ask them to contact the registrar, Alicia Desjardins, directly.

Come and join us in our 56th year!

Musically yours,

Jane McLaren on behalf of
THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE